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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Takeo ARAI) Group Art Unit: 2853
Serial No.: 10/807,223) Examiner: L. Liang
Filed: March 24, 2004) Confirmation No.: 3313
For: IMAGE RECORDING DEVICE)
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated April 10, 2006 the Examiner required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 an election between the following species:

Species I, directed to an image recording device comprising a controller that controls the curing section to cure the first ink on the recording medium, and controls the second recording head to start discharging the second ink after a conversion of the first ink on the recording medium becomes not less than 30%;

Species II, directed to an image recording device comprising a second recording head which discharges a second ink for background recording to a second surface of the recording medium, the second surface is opposite side, the second surface is opposite side of the first surface; and a second curing section which cures the second ink on the second surface of the recording medium.

In response, Applicants elect to prosecute species I, e.g., claims 1-13, drawn to an image recording device comprising a controller that controls the curing section to cure the first ink on the recording medium, and controls the second recording head to start discharging the second ink after a conversion of the first ink on the recording medium becomes not less than 30% *without* traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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